

Confidentiality of addresses of Texas Parks and Wildlife customers

HB 298 by Miller (Nelson)

DIGEST:	HB 298 would have prohibited the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) from disclosing, except in certain circumstances involving private landowners, the email address of a person who bought products, licenses, or services from TPWD. The bill also would have required TPWD to adopt policies prohibiting the sale of mailing lists of the agency's noncommercial customers.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"House Bill No. 298 would prohibit the disclosure of information on hunting and fishing licenses except for zip codes. This legislation is unnecessary because such disclosure already is prohibited by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations from the state Transportation Code."
RESPONSE:	Rep. Sid Miller, author of HB 298, had no comment. Sen. Jane Nelson, the Senate sponsor, was unavailable for comment.
NOTES:	HB 298 was analyzed in Part Three of the April 22 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .